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1. Itinerary: The Norwegian S/S Svolder called at Stettin on 11 Feb 54 and sailed on 15 February for Klaipeda, arriving on 18 February. She sailed from Klaipeda on 25 February.

2. Cargo: The Svolder lifted 3500 tons of phosphate from Casablanca to Stettin, then sailed in ballast for Klaipeda where she loaded 2154 tons of wood pulp for discharge in Antwerp and Dunkirk.

3. Naval Vessels Sighted:

Stettin - Six motor torpedo boats and one submarine were sighted. They were not underway.

Klaipeda - One single-stack destroyer and eight submarines were sighted in the river. The destroyer and three or four of the submarines were observed arriving from sea as a unit.

4. Merchant Ships Sighted:

Stettin - The Polish ships, S/S Kilinski and m/s Oksywie, were sighted.

Klaipeda - The Norwegian S/S Reili was sighted. A French cargo ship was discharging coal, and a Finnish vessel was present.

5. Security Boarding: Boardings in both ports were routine and lasted about two hours. In Stettin, the officers were "Soviet MVD men" and the soldiers were Polish. The former were commonly known as "Green Caps" and comprised half of the boarding party. The same ratio was encountered in Klaipeda, but the soldiers were Soviet.

6. Naval Training School (Klaipeda): What appeared to be a new Naval Training School was observed in Klaipeda.

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